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RIC OPEN HOUSE

Deputy Secretary Peter Myers was the principal speaker at the RIC first year anniversary open house on October 28. Other featured speakers and/or guests included Roland Vautour, Under Secretary for Small Community and Rural Development, La Verne Ausman, Deputy Under Secretary for Small Community and Rural Development, Myron Johnsrud, Extension Service Administrator, Joseph Howard, NAL Director, Pat John and Louise Reynnells of the RIC staff.

RIC BIBLIOGRAPHIES AND REFERENCE BRIEFS

Arts and Humanities in Rural America: A Selected Bibliography. Compiled by Douglas E. Anderson, RIC Graduate Intern, Clarion University of Pennsylvania, School of Library Science.

Rural Development Resources in the National Agricultural Library Collection, 1980-1987. Compiled by Helen Yoas, RIC Graduate Intern, Clarion University of Pennsylvania, School of Library Science.

Rural Youth Employment: A Selected Bibliography. Compiled by Douglas E. Anderson, RIC Graduate Intern, Clarion University of Pennsylvania, School of Library Science.

RIC BROCHURE

A new RIC brochure was published in October. The art work features a sketch of main street Raton, New Mexico.

RIC OUTREACH: EXHIBITS AND PRESENTATIONS

Exhibits

- 1988 World AG Expo, Amana Colonies, Iowa, September 7-10. RIC and the State Library of Iowa participated in a cooperative exhibit on rural economic development at the World AG Expo. The RIC exhibit was coordinated by Dan Otto, Iowa RIC State Coordinator, and Bill Cochran, Director of Library Development, State Library of Iowa.
- National Association of Extension Home Economists National Convention, Pittsburgh, PA., October 2-6.
- World Food Day, Washington, D.C., October 14. The conference theme was rural youth.

- States' Agenda for Rural Economic Development Conference, Raleigh, N.C., October 11-14. The Council of State Governments coordinated RIC materials.
- Montana State Extension Service Annual Meeting, Bozeman, MT., October 31-November 3. Dave Sharpe, Montana RIC State Coordinator, coordinated the RIC exhibit.

Presentations

- Louise Reynnells gave two presentations on RIC's use of DIALOG databases at the DIALOG UPDATE '88 Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. September 7-9.



•Patricia John and Louise Reynnells gave a presentation on RIC services at the National Association of Extension Home Economists National Convention in Pittsburgh, PA., on October 5.

•Patricia John gave a presentation on RIC services and databases to Wisconsin Extension Service community resource development specialists on October 5

during an hour conference call session on "Databases and Other Information Sources".

RIC ORIENTATION WORKSHOPS

All newly designated RIC State Coordinators are scheduled for a two-day orientation at RIC. So far 20 of 25 new RIC coordinators have attended the five workshops scheduled since June. The next workshop will be held on December 15-16.

FY88 YEAR END RURAL INFORMATION CENTER ANALYSIS:

- User location
- Rural topics
- Affiliation

States, Territories, Etc. Submitting Highest Number of Requests

District of Columbia	16%
Virginia	10%
Maryland.....	6%
Georgia, Minnesota (5% each).....	10%
Iowa, Montana (4% each).....	8%
Illinois, Missouri, New Mexico, Pennsylvania (3% each)	12%
Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Nebraska, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Vermont, Washington (2% each).....	18%
All others	20%

Breakdown of Rural Revitalization Questions

Economic Viability.....	60%
Local Government Services.....	20%
Quality of Life/Natural Resources	14%
Leadership/Community Change	6%

Affiliation Breakdown

State & County Extension Staff.....	41%
USDA Officials.....	17%
Universities	10%
Community/Rural/Economic Organizations, Libraries and State Officials (5% each).....	15%
Federal Officials (non-USDA) and Individuals (4% each)	8%
Businesses & all others (3% each).....	6%
Congress, Experiment Stations, and Special Interest Groups (1% each)	3%